

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

National Intelligence Officers

9 August 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Representatives of the National Foreign
Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: Indochina Refugee Paper

1. On 29 July, the NIO/EAP received a request for an estimate of the number of refugees likely to leave the Indochina states between July 1977 and December 1980 (see attached).

2. In my view, the nature of the request can best be answered by a memo from the NIO/EAP. The topic prompted me to task State/INR to draft the piece with CIA support. On query, DIA did not deem its participation necessary in establishing terms of reference, drafting, or representatives meeting. DIA requested, however, a substantive review of the memo prior to forwarding it to the requestor.

3. I offer addressees the opportunity (1) to meet with us on the draft or (2) to adopt the DIA approach. The representatives will meet on the draft on Thursday, 11 August, at 1000 hours at CIA Headquarters, Room 5G00. Please provide names to [redacted] If you opt not to attend, I would also appreciate knowing this. Should you chose to go along with the DIA approach, I will LDX the memo on Thursday afternoon for your examination by 1600 hours Friday, August 12.

4. The attribution footnote will probably read something like:

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July 29, 1977

MEMORANDUM

TO: INR/OD - Mr. Saunders

FROM: p - Clayton McManaway

Request for Intelligence Community Estimate
of Indochinese Refugee Outflow

A Presidential directive of mid-July established an Interagency Task Force on Indochinese Refugees. The principal focus of the Task Force is long term planning for resettlement in the US and abroad of Indochinese refugees beyond the 15,000 that the Attorney General may soon parole into the country.

For this long term planning, the Task Force would appreciate the Intelligence Community preparing a memorandum estimating the refugee outflow from Indochina from July 1, 1977 through December 31, 1980. As a base from which to begin, the accepted but not necessarily scientific figures for the first half of 1977 are as follows: 500 a month, virtually all Vietnamese, who land on Asian shores after escaping their homeland by boat; and 1200 to 1500 a month, principally from Laos but also from Cambodia, who cross river and land borders into Thailand.

The Task Force hopes that the memorandum would also explore the approximate number of refugees coming from each country, and the estimated quantities among them of those who meet our current criteria for parole: close relatives in the US; former U.S. government employees; and those identified closely with US programs and policies in Indochina, who were educated or trained in the United States, or whose personal accomplishments or eminence would benefit American society.

The study would be most useful if it could be completed before August 15.

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